

It Takes a Community

Madison County, Kentucky

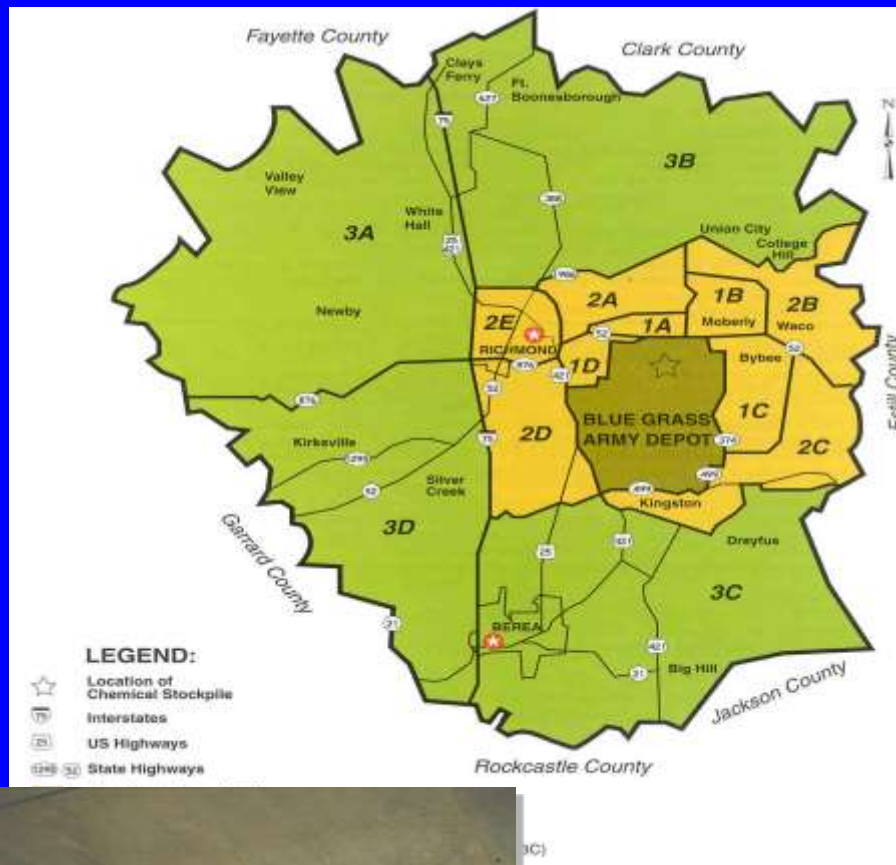
Most Kentucky Counties

- Started working toward increased preparedness post 9-11.
- Initial preparations focused on a man-made use of bio-terror agent, e.g., SMALLPOX
- Later the focus turned to PANDEMIC FLU preparedness for H5N1 (Avian of Bird Flu)

Having a Plan is Good;
However,
Having a Plan is Not Enough!

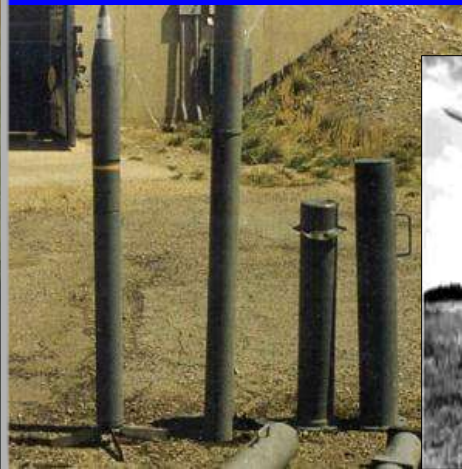
Madison County has been
working on its '*pandemic threat*'
for many years.

Our H1N1 was H1GBVX



Our 'H1GBVX' is

- 523 tons of Chemical Agents
- H mustard
- GB (Sarin)
- VX Nerve



Who Will Protect Us... in Madison County from the H1GBVX?

- The Army cannot protect us!
- Kentucky cannot protect us!
- Public Health cannot protect us!
- Neither can law enforcement, not fire department!
- Our 2 hospitals, our EMS, and our EMA cannot protect us!
- Nor can our Judge Executive!

Community It Takes a ~~village~~

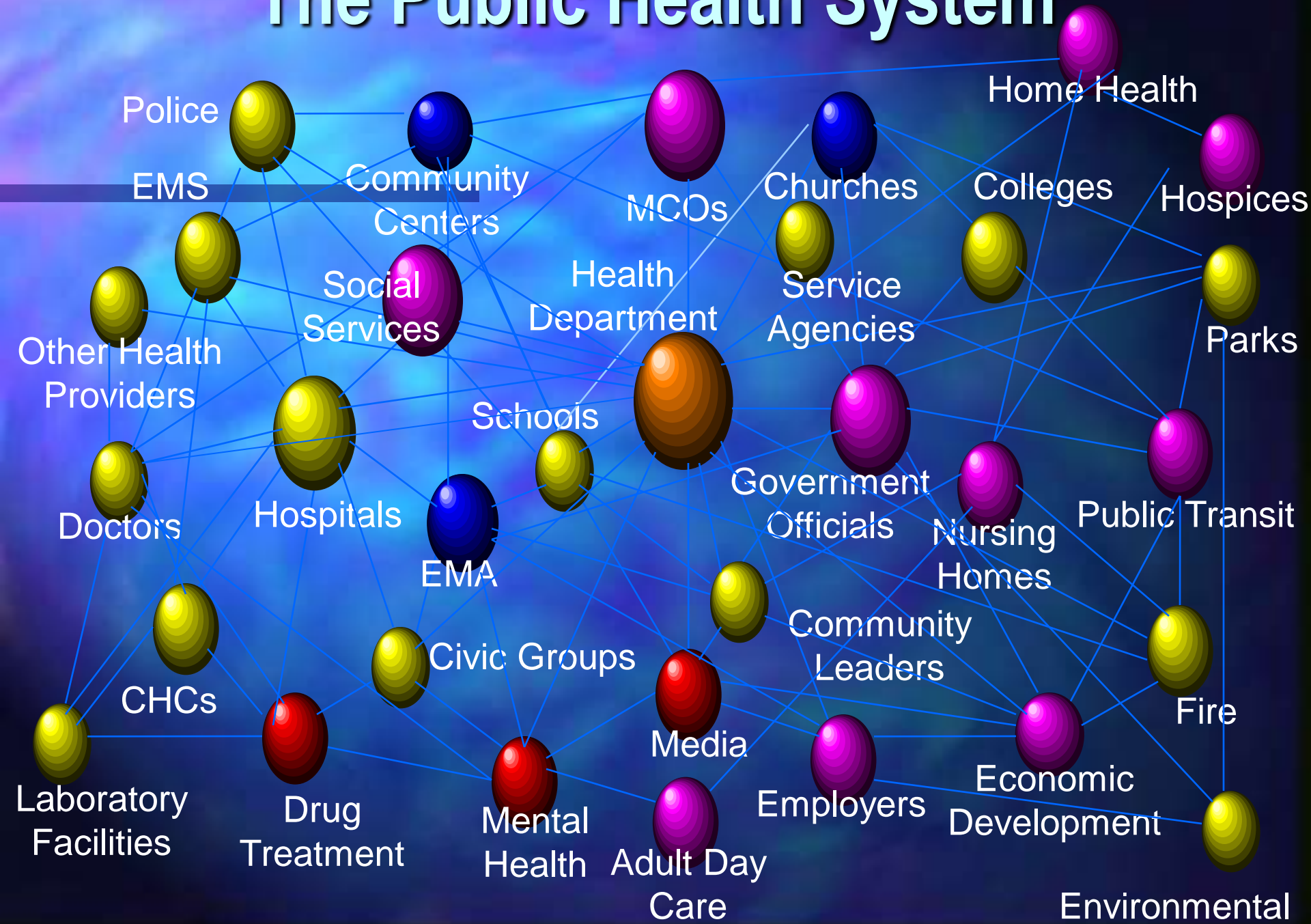
- It takes the whole community working together as individuals, organizations, in partnerships and alliances to protect our community.
- One shared goal – protect the community.
- As each organization performs its work – each adds value to the community.
- Development of trusting relationships is vital to a good plan.

community

~~“Our nation~~ has to work together in a unified and coordinated manner across ~~federal, state and~~ local jurisdictions and with the private sector, and, most importantly, with [our citizens]...We need to coordinate and share assets and resources and emergency plans in a way we haven’t done before.”

Secretary Michael Chertoff
Department of Homeland Security
December 9, 2005

The Public Health System



H1N1 Response: Individual/family

- Protect themselves with a plan
 - Seasonal flu shot
 - H1N1 flu shot(s): initial and booster when available
 - Sensible social distancing from crowds
 - Emergency supply of food & water
 - Hand washing, covering coughs & sneezing
 - Stay home from school or work when sick
 - Seek medical care when needed

H1N1 Response: Organizations

- Business, school, utility, hospital, police...
 - Protect themselves with a plan
 - Encourage staff to have individual plans
 - Cross training and redundancy for essential functions
 - Communicate with suppliers and those it supplies
 - Work together – share resources
 - Develop trust
 - Employees stay home when sick
 - Sensible social distancing from crowds
 - Hand washing, covering coughs & sneezing

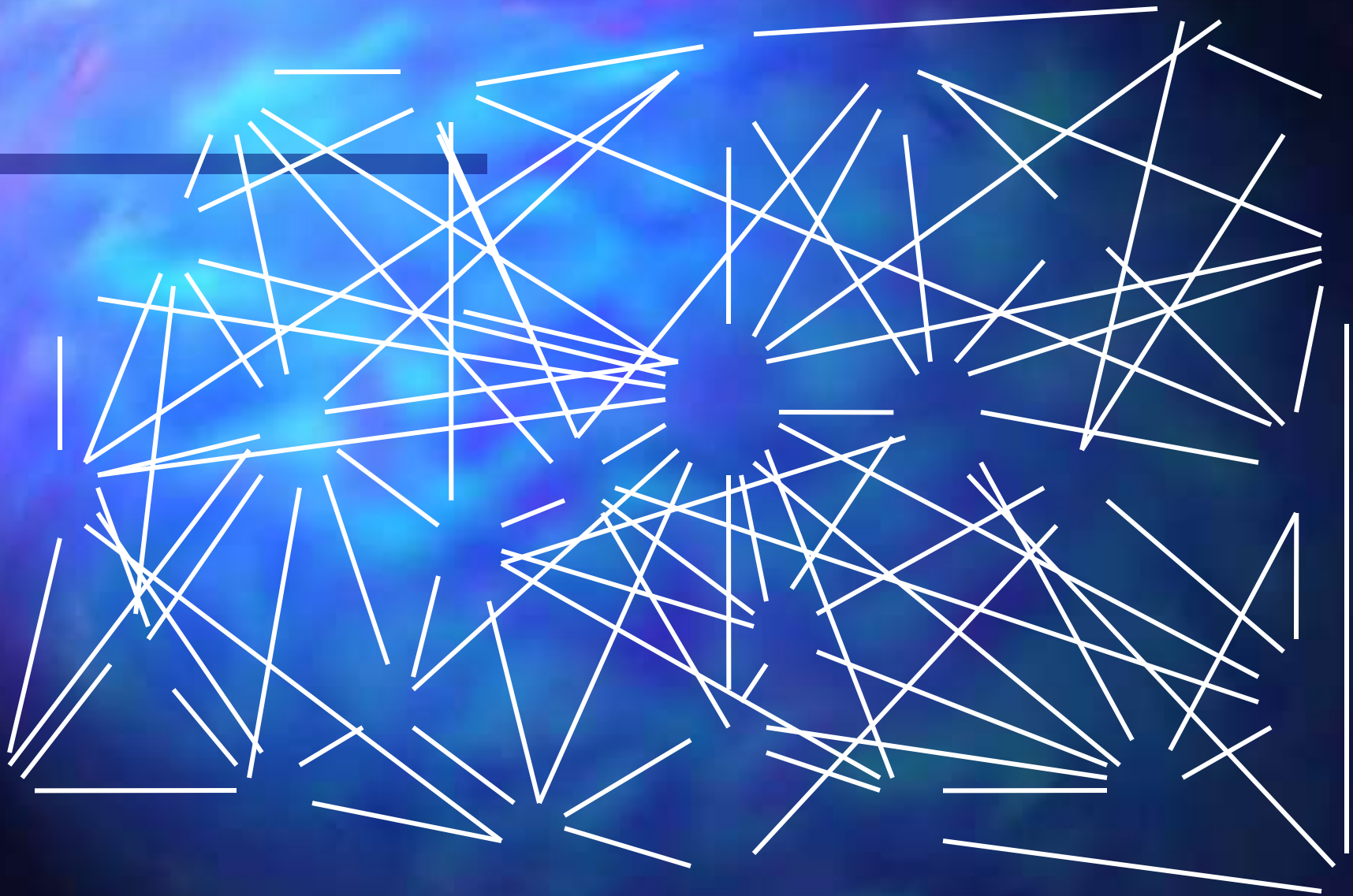
H1N1 Response: Community

- Protect themselves with a plan
 - Communication enhanced through media
 - Citizens know where/when flu shots are available
 - Citizens have a understanding of social distancing
 - Medical infrastructure is protected
 - Emergency responders are protected
 - Willingness to cancel community events in support of social distancing.
 - Organizations work together
 - Trust among partnerships

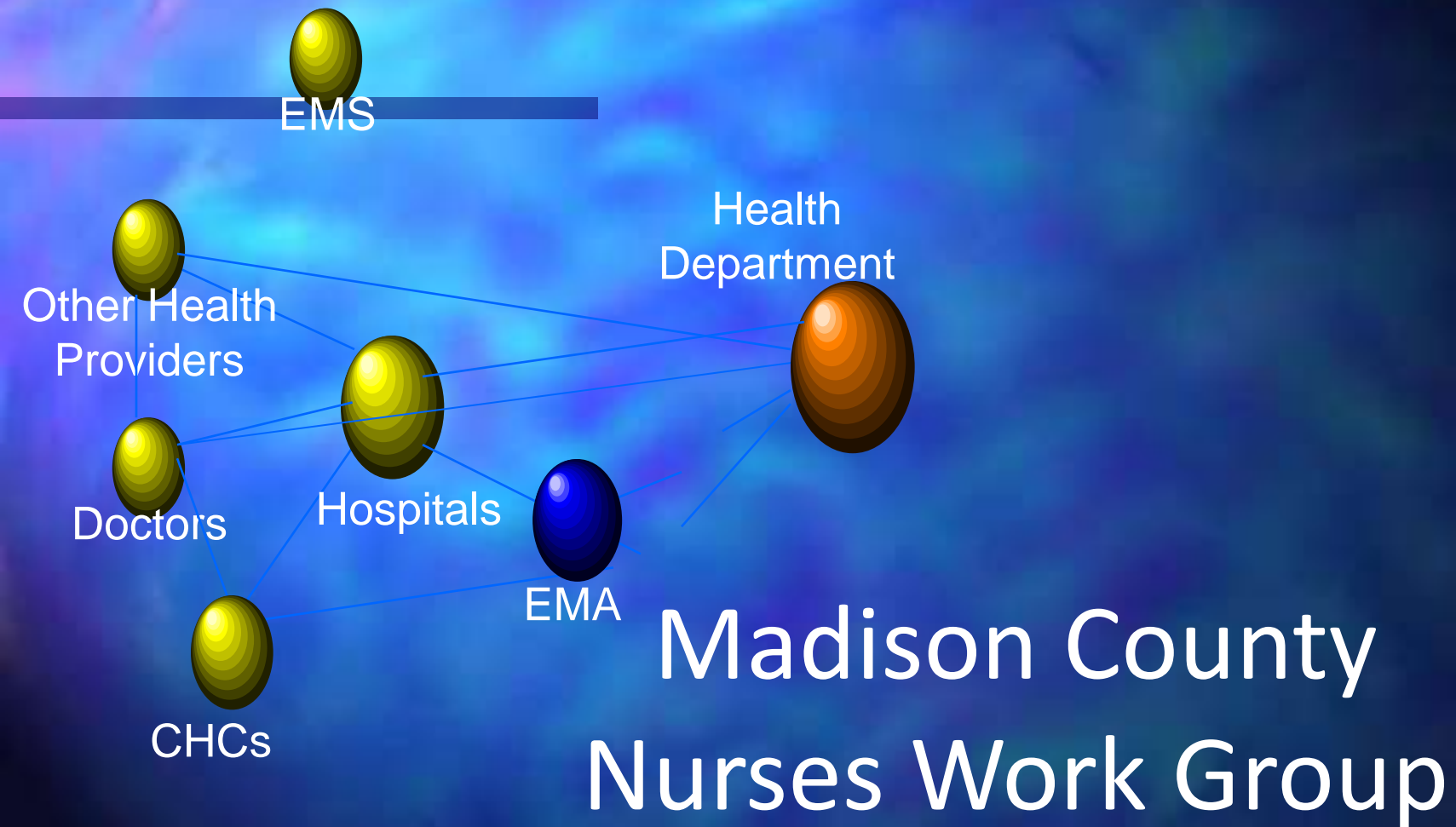
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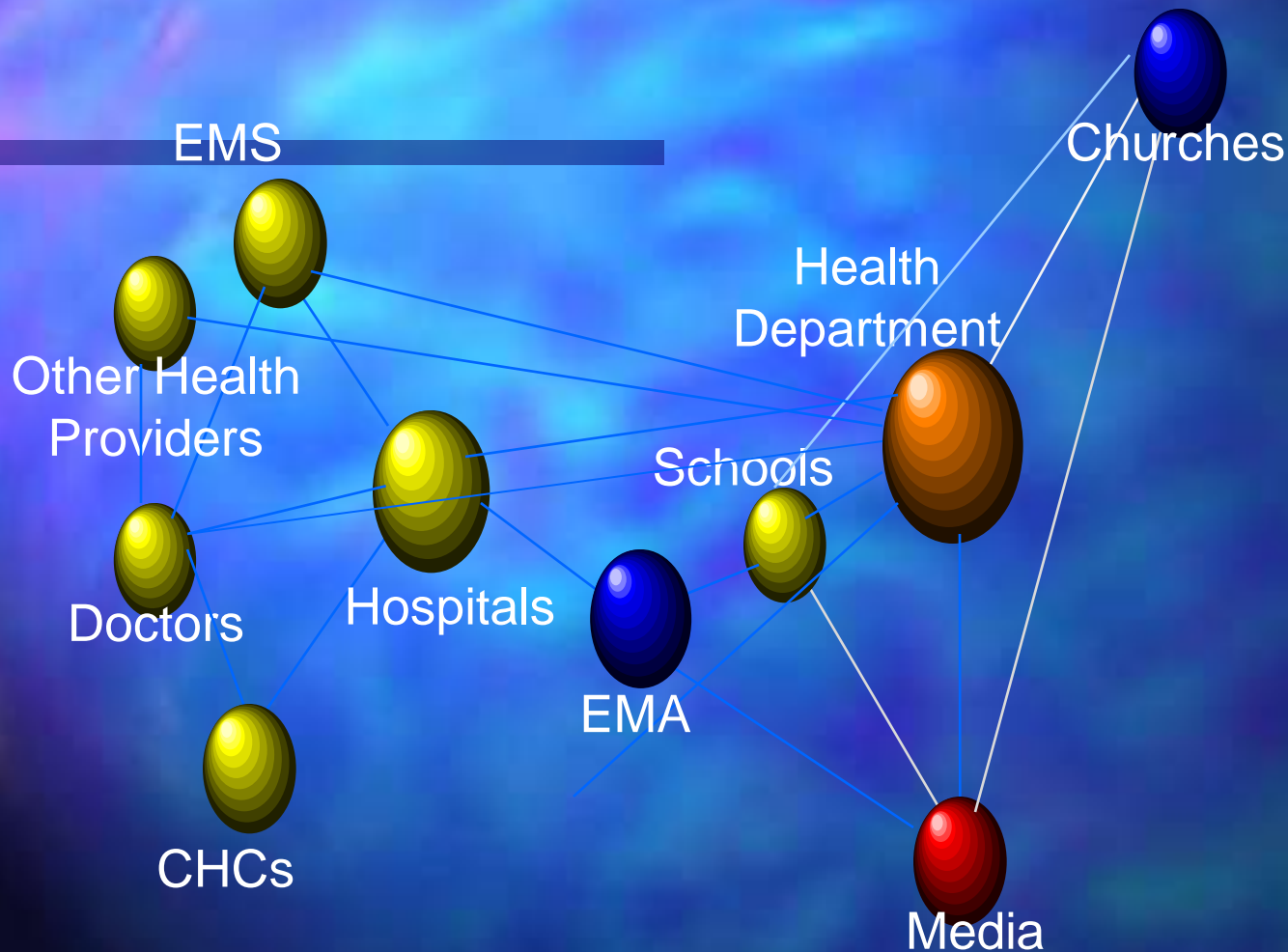
The Relationships



The Public Health System

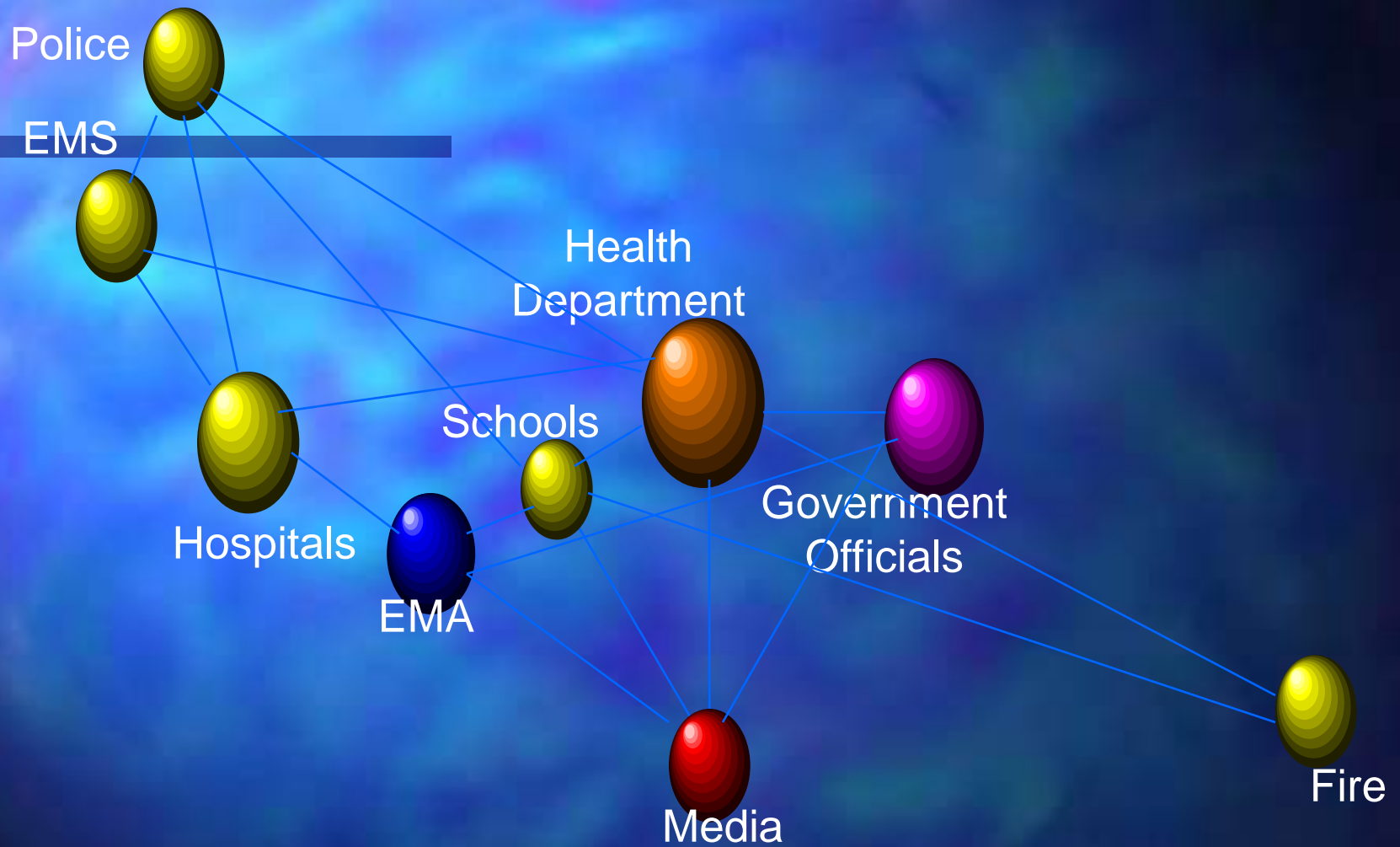


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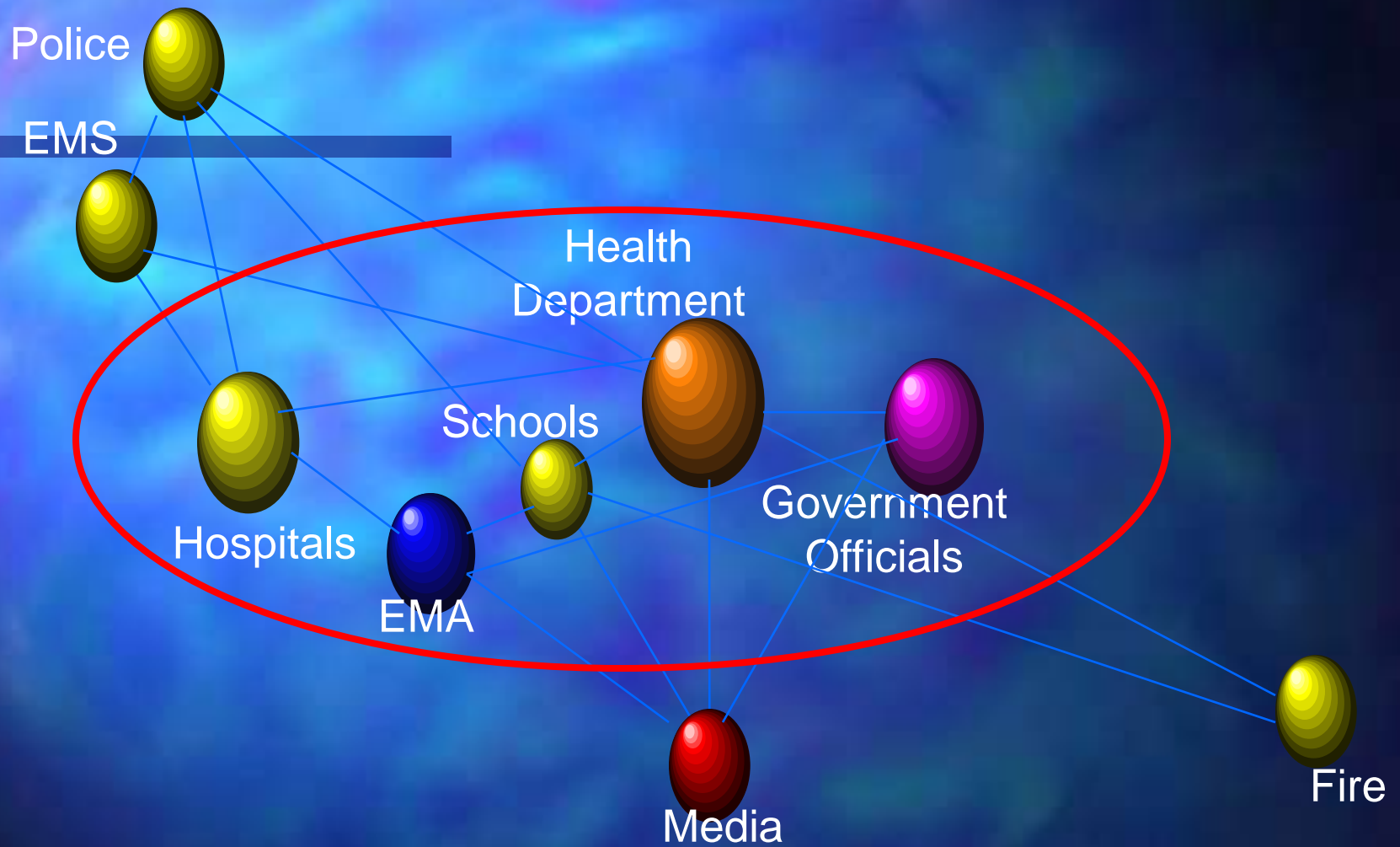


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Aspects of Partnerships

- Understanding of each other's mission
- Two-way Communication
- Mutual Trust
- Leveraging of scarce resources

Never Too Late

- If your community has not developed working relationship , then TODAY is the right date to start.
- H1N1 might be the impetus to develop partnerships and alliances for the post-H1N1 environment